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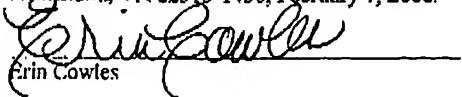
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In response to the final Office Action of November 7, 2005, the shorted statutory period for response to which ends after February 7, 2006, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended under 37 CFR § 1.116 as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.